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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/7/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by US 6,033,752.

The reference discloses a medium which comprises a recording layer formed of two layers which form alloy inclusions when exposed to a write beam and where the inclusions and the as-deposited layers differ in optic properties to allow modulation of a read beam. The recording layers may be formed of the claimed materials. The medium may be double-sided. The medium may have a dielectric layer between the substrate and recording layer, may include a spacer layer, and may include a reflective layer. See Examples and Tables.

Claims 1, 14, 17, 18, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,477,819.

The reference discloses a medium which comprises a recording layer formed of two layers which form alloy inclusions when exposed to a write beam and where the inclusions and the as-deposited layers differ in optic properties to allow modulation of a read beam. The medium includes a cover layer. See Figure 3.

Claims 1, 14, 17, 18, and 202-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,733,623.

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deposited layers differ in optic properties to allow modulation of a read beam. The medium includes a cover layer. See Figure 1.

Claims 1, 5, 7-11, 1-18, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,365,256.

The reference discloses a medium which comprises a recording layer formed of two layers which form alloy inclusions when exposed to a write beam and where the inclusions and the as-deposited layers differ in optic properties to allow modulation of a read beam. The medium may include a dielectric layer and cover layer. The alloy inclusion composition may be determined by the thickness of each recording layer. See Example 2.

Claims 1, 8-12, 14, 16-18 and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,841,218.

The reference discloses a medium which comprises a recording layer formed of two layers which form alloy inclusions when exposed to a write beam and where the inclusions and the as-deposited layers differ in optic properties to allow modulation of a read beam. The medium may include a dielectric layer, reflective layer and cover layer. See Figure 1.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano, can be reached at (571) 272-1398. The fax number for the organization where the application is assigned is (571) 273-8307. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information retrieval (PAIR) System. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR System, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions

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